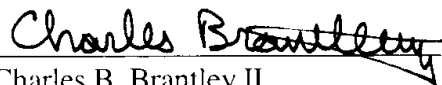


REMARKS

Claims 35-66 are the only claims pending as of this Preliminary Amendment. In a first restriction required during prosecution of the parent application (see the Office Action of September 28, 2000), the Examiner identified these claims as "Group I" claims "drawn to PECVD process, classified in class 427, subclass 576." In a second restriction required during prosecution of the parent application (see the Office Action of December 11, 2000), the Examiner identified these claims as "Species II" claims drawn to a "method of providing a chemical vapor deposition environment." This election is without traverse. Applicants also note that the specification of this divisional has been altered from that of the parent by providing paragraph numbering and by fixing a typographical error in the title as it appears on page 1, after the cover page. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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